



MEMORANDUM

Date: March 15, 2007

To: All Interested Parties

From: Curtis Stevens, Exhibit Coordinator, DCJS

Ref: The 2007 Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Conference
"Making a Difference in Juvenile Justice"

I am pleased to inform you that the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services will be holding our annual Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Conference on June 19 and 20, 2007 at the **Hampton Roads Convention Center in Hampton, Virginia (www.thehrcc.com)**. This is the first time that we have used this facility and it will allow for great vendor visibility. Our conference hotel is the **Embassy Suites Hotel, located next to the Convention Center at 1700 Coliseum Drive, Hampton, VA (Phone – 757-722-1222)**.

We are expecting approximately 400 juvenile justice professionals from areas of discipline such as, law enforcement, judicial and prosecution staff, probation officers, court service unit staff, educators, social workers, mental health workers, detention home administrators, and other human service agency personnel. We hope to feature approximately twenty vendors to exhibit their products and services to this diverse group of professionals.

Once again, I want to call to your attention to the initiative that the Governor's Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice is doing called the Virginia Spirit of Youth Award. Modeled after the National Coalition on Juvenile Justice Spirit of Youth Award, the Virginia award will recognize and celebrate a young adult who has made great strides following involvement with the juvenile justice system; has overcome personal obstacles; and is today making significant contributions to society. We will distribute a solicitation for nominations, which will allow juvenile justice professionals and others to submit their recommendations. We anticipate that the award recipient will speak at lunch the first day of the conference, June 19. We would like to award a small educational scholarship to the award recipient as well, and are seeking donations from our vendors for that scholarship. Last year, Virginia's award recipient was also selected as the winner for the National award.

Enclosed with this correspondence are documents needed to participate in this conference. If you would like to support our scholarship, set up an exhibit at our conference, or both, please respond as soon as possible to reserve your space.

For those vendors that choose to participate, if you have any materials or "give-away items" that you can donate to the conference, it would be greatly appreciated. If you wish to provide a door prize, we will be happy to award it. This event will provide a wonderful opportunity to market your products and services to those directly involved in the juvenile justice and criminal justice fields.

Should you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me. I look forward to hearing from you soon.